

Bradbury Sees Germany's Debt Solution Near

British Member of Reparation Committee Thinks Berlin Proposals Are Basis for Further Dealing

Experts' Work Reviewed

All Agree as to Gravity of Situation and Necessity of Stabilizing the Mark

By Joseph Shaplen

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—While the visit of the Reparation Commission has failed to produce a concrete advance toward a solution of the thorny problem of German reparations, a gratifying though slight move forward has been made, Sir John Bradbury, the British member, told the Tribune correspondent today on the eve of the commission's return to Paris. The members of the commission will leave Berlin tomorrow with the new German proposals which, while failing to meet the commission's approval because of their lack of definiteness, may serve as the basis for continued negotiations and an agreement on the plan to stabilize the mark and restore Germany's paying capacity.

The German proposals may be summarized as follows: Formation of an international syndicate for the loan of \$500,000,000 gold marks to Germany, which, with a similar amount taken from the Reichsbank's gold reserve, will be used in the effort to stabilize the mark, and the extension of the moratorium period until the loan is paid off.

These proposals coincide with the report submitted by the Reparation Commission's financial experts with this difference: that while these experts urge a moratorium covering both cash and payments in kind, Germany offers to continue the latter payments for work in the devastated area provided that these payments do not tend further to dislocate the German budget or stimulate the floating debt. The Reparation Commission's objection to this proposal is that it is unaccompanied by any definite scheme as to how the proposed loan is to be raised.

In summarizing the work of the Reparation Commission in Berlin, Sir John Bradbury said that all sections were agreed as to the gravity of the situation and as to the necessity of taking prompt steps to stabilize the mark if a catastrophe is to be avoided. Insofar as its informative purposes are concerned, Sir John said the commission's visit had been very useful.

The German government in general has adopted a conciliatory attitude and displays a willingness to furnish all the required information. With regard, however, to obtaining definite and detailed proposals from Germany, Sir John said the visit had been a failure. Instead of forming a precise plan of what she could or would do, Germany had attempted to put the responsibility for this on the Allies by proposing that the task should be left to the projected financial syndicate. It was unlikely, Sir John added, that substantial progress could be made until Germany produced tangible proposals.

The readiness of the Reichsbank to co-operate by contributing part of its gold reserve was a step in advance. He indicated that there was not much difference between his plan that the Reichsbank sell gold at a fixed rate and the German proposal that the mark be stabilized by intervention of the proposed syndicate.

In conclusion Sir John expressed satisfaction at the union marking the Reparation Commission's deliberations.

Seek to Americanize Menu Caterers Would Name Foods in Plain English

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—One hundred per cent Americanism, as far as menus are concerned, and a bit more than one-half of 1 per cent alcoholism for mince pies, Welsh rabbits and wine sauces were advocated by speakers before the convention of the American Caterers Association today.

"The phrase 'with cheese' is just as smooth sounding as 'au gratin,'" said Hake Miller, president of the association, "and it means just as much, if not more, to the American public. Consequently we are carrying on a battle to print all menus in English."

"Another form of deception we object to is the practice of putting salt, pepper and other condiments into the delicatessen sherry and claret which go into our sauces to-day. The condiments give the impression of the same klicks as before prohibition, but most caterers don't like the substitution."

Manufacturers Will Press Collection of Deposits in Germany

Compilation of Balances on Basis of 17 Cents per Mark Will Be Made for Government, Their Plan

A campaign was projected yesterday by the American Manufacturers' Export Association to expedite the collection of 17 cents per mark of balances of American manufacturers on deposit in Germany at the time the United States entered the war. The aim of the association is to stimulate the Administration to action through a compilation and presentation of claims. The rate of 17 cents to the mark, comparing with a prevailing quotation of 1 9-16 hundredths of a cent, is specified, because it was in effect when these balances were tied up by the war declarations.

The State Department has for some time been seeking to obtain data on claims of this character by business men as disappointing. Officials of the association yesterday expressed the opinion that the organization was better equipped to undertake a task of this sort than a government agency, although, of course, relying on the latter for the ultimate effectiveness of its efforts.

Comparatively little information is at hand as to the full extent of claims which the association will seek to gather, but it is known that several have been settled at considerably below 17 cents. German agencies have from time to time made offers of settlement and the delay in obtaining official assistance in collecting has induced acceptance of less favorable terms.

In announcing the plan of the association Colonel Myron W. Robinson, its president, said yesterday: "American manufacturers who had money on deposit in Germany in April, 1917, at the outbreak of the war, will receive the assistance of this association in attempting to collect it at the rate of 17 cents per mark. We have been investigating the possibility of collecting these deposits, which are now virtually worthless, at the request of several of our members who have been unable to obtain any satisfaction from our government."

"At our directors' meeting to-day a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to represent American manufacturers, exporters and individuals to receive their claims at the office of the association, 160 Broadway, New York City, and after compiling the list to bring all its influence to bear on Congress and the State Department to collect the amount out of the funds in the hands of the Alien Property Custodian. We believe that if joint action is taken at this time many millions of dollars of claims representing deposits in German banks can be collected. One member alone is known to have had \$300,000 on deposit."

The association is working on its projected international conference of business men, which it expects to call for a discussion of inter-Allied debts.

London Grows Hopeful Over Turkish Crisis

Kemalists' Inclination to Co-operate With the Allies Does Not Remove Extreme Gravity, However

Parley Date in Tangle

Protests and Proposals Are Making Time of Meeting Absolutely Uncertain

From The Tribune's European Bureau

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Intimations from Constantinople that Rafael Pasha showed a greater inclination to co-operate with the Allied representatives caused official quarters here to take a slightly more optimistic view of the situation in the Near East. This was still regarded, however, as one of extreme gravity, and it is emphasized that there has been no change in the fundamental differences between the Allies and the Turks.

The factors which now dictate the date of the Lausanne conference have become so complex that the time of the meeting is absolutely uncertain. Following the French protest against postponement have come requests from the Turkish Nationalists urging that the conference meet next Monday. One outstanding fact is that the British government has sent a note to France and Italy suggesting a mutual exchange of views prior to the conference on the situation which developed this week. If this is agreed to it would bring the beginning of the conference to about November 20.

Russia Protests Again

There also is the latest Russian note to be considered. It protests against the exclusion of the Soviets from the Lausanne meeting which is to deal with the revision of the Treaty of Sevres, and emphasizes Moscow's close relations with the Oriental world. It also demands that Georgia and the Ukraine as well as Russia be allowed to attend the whole conference. Bulgaria has also sent a note mildly protesting against the limited participation allowed her.

Interruption of communication between Constantinople and London leaves some doubt as to the present position of the Kemalists on the date of the conference, but it is understood that the terms printed here this morning as having been handed General Pella by the Kemalists constitute the Angora program at Lausanne and are not demands requiring immediate compliance. These terms include some of particular interest in the United States, such as the demand for the return to Turkey of Mosul, a center for American oil interests, and "complete independence," which is interpreted here as meaning the sole control of customs receipts, on which most of the Turkish bonds are based.

PARIS, Nov. 9 (By The Associated Press).—The French government has decided to send another battleship to Turkish waters.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 9 (By The Associated Press).—The Swiss Girls' Orphan School, which was opened in Constantinople a few months ago for the reception of Armenian refugee children from Anatolia, will be removed immediately to Geneva, owing to the unsettled conditions in Turkey. H. C. Jaquith, managing director of the Near East relief here, has received instructions to arrange for the embarkation of the entire school.

The Swiss government has granted permission for the entry of the girls into Switzerland. They will be placed in small groups in the finest technical schools of the country where they will receive the fullest educational facilities available from funds provided by endowments established by Leopold

Favre, a wise philanthropist who died a few months ago.

Allies To Be Aligned at Lausanne Against Turks

Parley May Be Postponed to November 20; Mussolini to Confer With Poincare and Law

By Wilbur Forrest

PARIS, Nov. 9.—There was every indication to-day that the Near East peace conference at Lausanne would be postponed until November 20 and that the Allies would go there to present a solid front to the Turks. This was borne out by the news that came to-day from Rome, that Premier Mussolini would adhere to the principles of the triple entente and that it was his intention to visit Paris and London for personal conferences with Premiers Poincare and Bonar Law in order to reach a preliminary agreement before the conference meets.

In official circles there was an opinion that the Turks may, within the next few days, take some action that will make the conference impossible, in which case the Allies will be compelled to resort to some form of combined pressure stronger than words to put the Turks in their place. A month ago,

with the Lloyd George Cabinet on the verge of what its political opponents called "a foolish adventure," and the Poincare ministry standing pat, the Entente was in an extremely wobbly position, but the Angora government's almost complete lack of appreciation of Poincare's friendship has caused him to reverse his position.

The Lausanne conference will find the French Premier extremely careful to avoid anything which tends to weaken the newborn entente cordiale which his not only more vital to France than a liaison with the fanatic Angora government, but, in the event the British policy is upheld at the forthcoming elections, promises to provide a new phase in the world relations and a solid beginning for the economic reconstruction of Europe.

The difficulties surrounding the Near East peace conference are being complicated by the demands of Russia for representation in all sections. Bulgaria also has made a protest against being left out on account of her close connection with the Oriental world.

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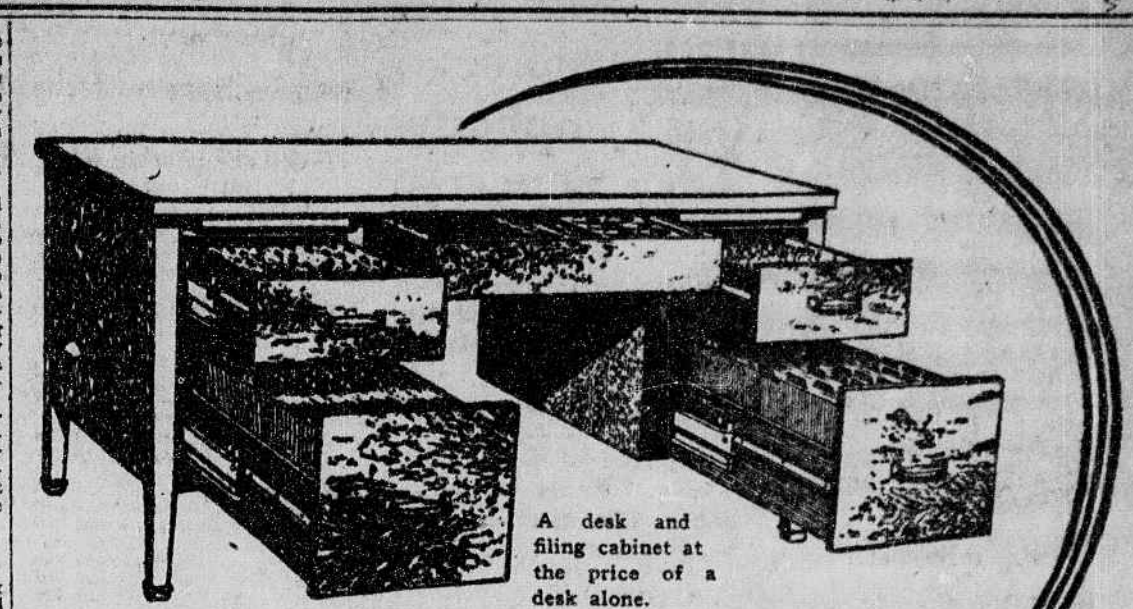
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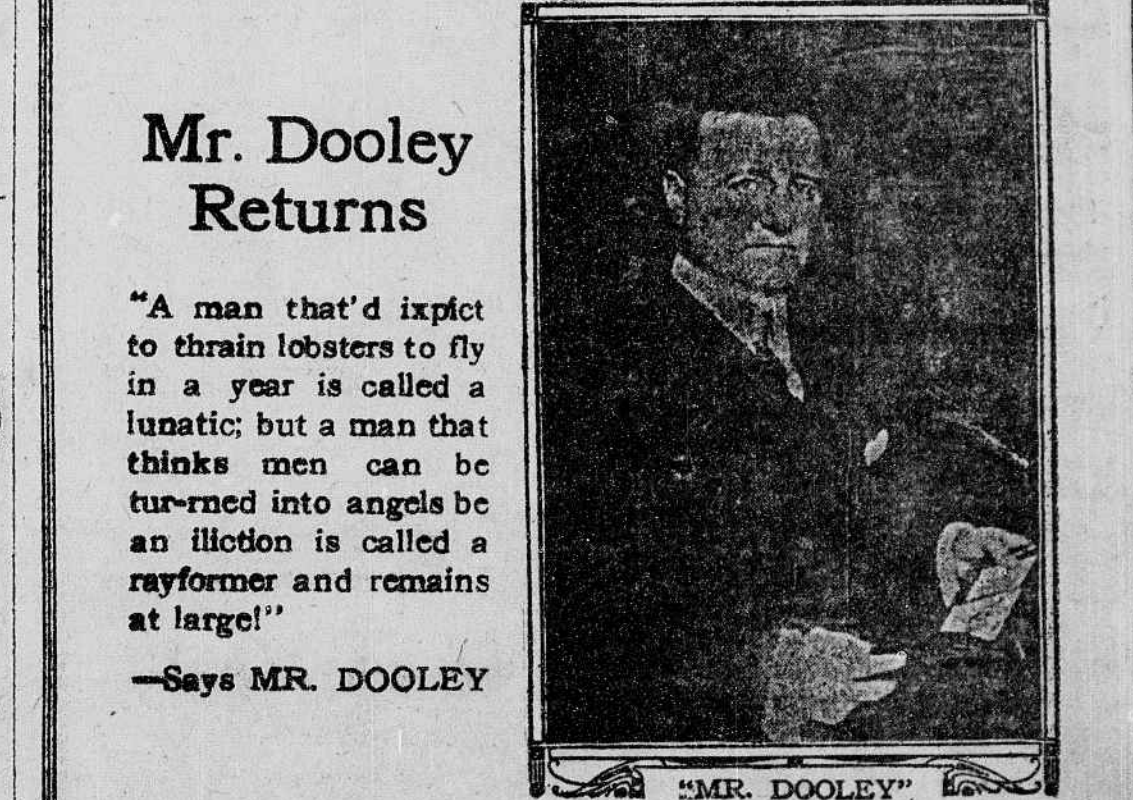
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